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EAST ZONE STEPS UP TRAINING, SCHOOLING

TRAINS TECHNICIANS, ENGINEERS -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 11, 14 May 50

The Master School for Graphic Trades in Leipzig has been elevated to an Engineering School for Polygraphic Arts, by order of the East German Ministry of Industry.

The institute is the only one in Europe training technicians and engineers for the graphic industry.

SCHOOL FOR EXECUTIVES OF CONSUMERS' CO-OPS -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 75, 29 Mar 50

Thueringen's first regional school for officials of consumers' cooperatives has been established in Burg Posterstein, a former Junker estate. Groups of 40 executives from cooperatives in the districts of Gera, Jena, Altenburg, Greiz, and Stadtroda are given technical and political training in 16-day courses.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR BERLIN GRADUATES -- Nacht Express, No 75, 29 Mar 50

About 9,000 apprentice positions will be available for the 14,000 students who will graduate this year in East Berlin. Since experience has shown that a certain percentage of graduates are not interested in apprenticeships, the available openings will meet the expected demand.

Minister Heinrich Rau recently stated that there will be 85,000 openings for apprentices in the entire German Democratic Republic.

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COLLEGES OFFER CORRESPONDENCE COURSES -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 85, 13 Apr 50

A new type of college study has been established in the German Democratic Republic under the "Law for Youth Participation in the Reconstruction of the German Democratic Republic, and for Promoting the Interests of Youth in Schools and Professions, in Sports and Recreation" (8 February 1950). It is now possible to take college-level correspondence courses at the Dresden Institute of Technology, the Freiberg Institute of Mining, and the German Administrative Academy "Walter Ulbricht" in Ernst-Zinna. The correspondence courses will start on 2 October 1950.

This system will make it possible for many young people to obtain college training who would otherwise be prevented from attending universities because they have to work at full-time jobs. Since some of the technical instruction requires laboratory and practical work at the college, it will be necessary in some cases for special leaves to be granted to the students. The German Administrative Academy "Walter Ulbricht" will establish consultation points at Land Administrative Schools under their supervision in order to keep in touch with all students taking their correspondence courses.

SET UP YOUTH TRADING CENTER -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 115, 20 May 50

Following the liquidation of the Berlin Office for Trade and Industry, a Trading Center for Cultural Goods is to be established in Berlin. The Center, which will be staffed entirely by young people, will be the first independent youth enterprise in the German Democratic Republic and in the East Sector of Berlin. The formal opening will take place on 20 May.

SUGGEST LOWERING MAJORITY AGE -- Thueringer Volk, No 69, 22 Mar 50

At the 13th plenary session of the People's Chamber, representatives of the Free German Trade Union (FDGB) and the Free German Youth (FDJ) suggested that the majority age be lowered from 21 to 18 years. It was pointed out that citizens over 18 years of age have the right to vote and therefore should also have the right to handle their own affairs.

SACHSEN GETS HIGHER LEARNING INSTITUTE -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 119, 25 May 50

The Land Sachsen People's Institute for Higher Learning has been established in the former Junker castle, Meissen-Siebeneichen.

BIBLE A COLLECTION OF MYTHS -- Morgon Tidningen, No 121, 7 May 50

The Eastern German government has decided that school children in the Soviet Zone hereafter will be taught that Jesus Christ never existed and that the Bible is a collection of myths and legends.

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